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HARFORD COUNTY BREAKS GROUND FOR FALLSTON ACTIVITY CENTER

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Harford County Executive David R. Craig, joined by Joseph Pfaff, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and Mary Chance, Director of the Department of Community Service, today officially broke ground for the new Fallston Activity Center. The facility is the fourth partnership between the Department of Community Services, Office on Aging, and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The other ventures are the Woodshop at the Equestrian Center, the Havre de Grace Community Activity Center and the McFaul Activity Center.

The 30,000 square foot facility will serve as a senior activity center, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and a community recreation facility after 3:00 p.m. weekdays and on weekends. Additionally, the multi-purpose building will offer a wide variety of leisure opportunities for multiple populations and the community at large.

"Today is a great day for the people of Fallston and Harford County," remarked County Executive Craig. "The Fallston Activity Center will enhance the quality of living for the residents of the Fallston area and will serve both our senior population and youth well for years to come," Craig stated.

The estimated cost of the Fallston Activity Center is projected to be \$6.8 million. Funding for the project includes grants from the State Office on Aging, the Fallston Recreation Council and Harford County Government. The facility is scheduled to open in the spring of 2010.

When completed, the center will have an extra large fitness room which will be fully equipped and available to the Office on Aging and community at large. Additionally, the facility will feature an enlarged gymnasium to accommodate full and cross court basketball and volleyball, with room for bleachers at both ends and on each side. Also, a bocce court, horseshoe pits and walking trail will be located outside adjacent to the center.

Commenting on the new activity center, Councilwoman Roni Chenowith stated, "The Fallston Activity Center will provide years of enjoyment and fun for kids from 6 to 60 and beyond. It will be a place where seniors and others can share friendship and ideas and will help create a greater sense of community," Councilwoman Chenowith remarked.

The architectural firm of Edmeades and Stromdahl designed the facility, while Wohlson Construction is responsible for the actual construction of the center.